

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th March 2017

Annual General Meeting 2017

The 85th IRTS AGM will take place in three weeks. Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will host the event over the weekend of 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Green Park, Dundalk.

The IRTS website is constantly being updated www.irts.ie/agm

Dinner tickets are selling out fast and to ensure that you get your ticket, please order yours now in order to avoid disappointment. In the sunny South East from John Ronan, EI7IG. John's contact details can be found on the IRTS Society Officers page www.irts.ie/cgi/officers.cgi or QTH.

The March edition of Echo Ireland includes the Annual Accounts of the society for the year to 31st December 2016 and the Committee Report for the year. These accounts and report will, of course, be presented to members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Publications Library

A few weeks ago we announced the launch of the IRTS Publications Library at www.irts.ie/library which includes scanned copies of IRTS publications up to the year 2000. Bill EI9FK has supplied a batch of newsletters from the 1980s, providing lots of additional historical material for the library. We have also included the "IRTS Amateur Radio Yearbook 1986-87": in the pre-web site era, this Yearbook was a key source of information about the society, its activities and affiliated clubs. The big gap in the library is now the 1970s; Séamus EI8BP or Joe EI7GY would like to hear from anyone with newsletters or other IRTS publications from the missing years.

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club held it's annual Rally on Sunday 12th March. There was a steady stream of visitors through the door from 11am onwards. The club sincerely wishes to thank Raymond Long for his attendance. Over many years Long Communications has been a great supporter of the LRC annual Rally and for that we are very grateful.

LRC wishes to thank all the Bring & Buy people who had some great bargains on offer. In addition, the 2017 rally can justifiably boast of the biggest selection and quantity of test equipment on offer. Some unsold items, rigs and test equipment, are still listed on the LRC web site, see www.limerickradioclub.ie/

Last but not least the club wishes to acknowledge the great effort by many club members, on the day and in the lead up to the Rally, which helped to make the day a great success.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 28th March at 8.30pm.

This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are most welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as a demonstration of some low cost test equipment and shack accessories.

New Call Signs

Colm Brazel, whose station call sign was formerly EI5HFB, has been issued with the new call sign EI4KO, while Keith Wallace, formerly EI7HEB, now has the station call sign EI5KO. Colm and Keith both participated in the Morse classes at South Dublin Radio Club and sat and passed the Morse exam at the recent Phoenix Rally.

Lough Erne Rally Sunday 14th May 2017

The 36th Lough Erne Radio Rally will take place at the SHARE Centre, near Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh BT92 0EQ on Sunday 14th May. Doors open at 11.30am. For more information and to book tables contact Mark EI4HDB QTHR. www.learc.eu

Wexford Wireless Club

On Wednesday 29th March John Ronan EI7IG will give a talk about Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) and Amateur Radio Emergency Network (AREN) at the club meeting at 8.30pm sharp. All club members or anyone interested is asked to attend.

Wexford Wireless Club hold weekly meetings every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm in Gorey Scout Hall just off Esmonde Street in Gorey, Co. Wexford, everyone is as always very welcome

For more information about the club please contact the club secretary Michael Fitzgerald EI9GGB at QTHR or by dropping an email to [Wexfordwirelessclub /at/ live.ie](mailto:Wexfordwirelessclub@live.ie)

DX News

Thaire W2APF will be on Nevis Island in the Caribbean until 1st April. He will be using the callsign V47JR and will be active on 80m to 6m on CW and SSB. This is a holiday style operation and QSLs go via the home call.

Richard G3RWL will be reactivating his 8P6DR callsign from Barbados from 23rd March to 20th April. He will be on CW and RTTY on 80m to 10m. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Three members of the PA6B contest team will be QRV as ZA/PA2LS from Albania from 22nd to 29th March. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Jim ND9M is back at Diego Garcia in the Chagos Archipelago and is signing VQ96JC. He is active on the HF bands using CW. He is hoping to get permission to change his call to VQ917JC. QSLs go via the home call.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The club intends holding theory classes in the near future. Anyone wishing to take part in these classes can contact Pat EI9HX 087 676 7707 or Brian EI8IU 086 105 7325 or see www.shannonbasinradioclub.com

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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